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OF

SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA

AT THEIR SESSIONS

IN SAVANNAH,

Dec. 1829,

WITH

AN APPENDIX.

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SAVANNAH 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, }
Thursday, Dec. 3, 1829—11 o'clock, A. M. }

The Synod of South-Carolina and Georgia met, according to adjournment, and in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. A. W. Leland, D. D., from Luke, xv, 10.

The Moderator still being absent, the Rev. Moses Waddel, D. D. was called to the chair.

The Synod was constituted with prayer.

Members *present* from the Presbytery of South-Carolina—*Ministers*, Rev. H. Reid, Rev. D. Humphrys. *Elder*—James H. Baskin. *Absent*, Rev. Hugh Dickson, Rev. Wm. H. Barr, D. D. Rev. Richard B. Carter, Rev. Anthony W. Ross, Rev. Michael Dickson, Rev. Benjamin D. Du Pree, Rev. Aaron Foster, Rev. Samuel Davis, Rev. John B. Kennedy, Rev. Daniel L. Gray.

From the Presbytery of Hopewell—*Ministers*, Rev. M. Waddel, D. D. Rev. T. Goulding, D. D. Rev. J. Stratton, Rev. S. K. Talmage, Rev. J. C. Stiles, Rev. J. S. Wilson, Rev. J. C. Patterson. *Elder*, Elizur L. Newton. *Absent*, Rev. Francis Cummins, D. D., Rev. John Brown, D. D., Rev. Edward Pharr, Rev. Remembrance Chamberlain, Rev. James Gamble, Rev. Alonzo Church, Rev. Joseph Y. Alexander, Rev. Alexander Kirkpatrick, Rev. Nathan Hoyt, Rev. John Harrison, Rev. C. P. Beman, Rev. Henry Safford, Rev. Wm. B. Richards, Rev. Samuel J. Cassels.

From the Presbytery of Charleston Union—*Ministers*, Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., Rev. A. W. Leland, D. D., Rev. W. A. M'Dowell, D. D., Rev. B. Gildersleeve, Rev. E. White, Rev. Joseph Brown, Rev. Edward Palmer. *Absent*, Rev. George Reid, Rev. Arthur Buist, Rev. Richard H. Jones, Rev. John Dickson, Rev. Z. Rogers.

From the Presbytery of Harmony—none. *Absent* Rev. Samuel W. Younge, Rev. J. Cousar, Rev. John M. Erwin, Rev. C. L. R. Boyd, Rev. R. B. Campbell,

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Rev. John Joyce, Rev. Robert W. James, Rev. John Rennie, Rev. Samuel S. Davis, Rev. Robert Means, Rev. Wm. Brearly, Rev. John Harrington, Rev. Nicholas R. Morgan, Rev. Thomas Alexander, Rev. Urias Powers, Rev. Horace Belknap.

From the Presbytery of Georgia—*Ministers*, Rev. Wm. McWhir, Rev. H. S. Pratt, Rev. Robert Quarterman. *Elders*, Bayard E. Hand, Edward Coppee. Absent, Rev. Lawson Clinton, Rev. Ebenezer H. Snowden, Rev. Heman M. Blodget.

From the Presbytery of Bethel—*Ministers*, Rev. Aaron Williams. Absent, Rev. Robert B. Walker, Rev. James S. Adams, Rev. John B. Davis, Rev. J. B. Stafford, Rev. Cyrus Johnston, Rev. John Le Roy Davies, Rev. Samuel S. Watson.

The Synod proceeded to elect a Moderator, and temporary Clerk, when the Rev. H. S. Pratt was chosen Moderator, and the Rev W. A. M'Dowell was elected temporary Clerk.

The Rev. Win. Baker of the Synod of Philadelphia, the Rev. Mr. Aikman of the same Synod, and the Rev. Artemas Boies of the Hampshire Association being present, were invited to sit as correspondents.

The Synod then had a recess until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met.

Letters were received from the Rev. Dr. Cummins, the Rev. Samuel S. Davis, and the Rev. Mr. Church, giving reasons for absence from the present meeting of Synod; which reasons were sustained. The letter of Dr. Cummins was referred to the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Rev. David Humphrys, D. Goulding, Mr. McWhir, Dr. Leland, and Mr. A. Williams, Ministers; and Mr. Baskin, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Hand, Elders, were appointed a Committee of Bills and

Overtures, to meet in this House to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Members present, who were absent from the last meeting of the Synod, gave their excuses for absence, which were sustained.

The Rev. Mr. Holt, of the Synod of New Jersey, being present, was invited to sit as a correspondent.

A letter addressed to the Moderator of the Synod, by the Rev. Dr. John H. Rice of Virginia, was read. The object of the letter was to propose a union of this Synod with the Synods of North-Carolina and Virginia in the support of one Southern Theological Seminary. On motion *Resolved*, That this letter be referred to a special Committee, consisting of Dr. Waddel, Dr. Leland, and Mr. Hand, to report, as soon as practicable.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.
Concluded with prayer.

Friday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer; present as yesterday, together with the Rev. John Cousar, and the Rev. William Brearly of the Presbtery of Harmony; the Rev. Richard B. Cater of the Presbtery of South-Carolina; the Rev. Nathan Hoyt, and Mr. Lock Weems, an Elder from the Congregation of Washington, both of the Presbtery of Hopewell, whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The Rev. Mr. Brearly was added to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

Presbyterial Reports being called for, the Presbtery of Bethel presented a report, which, being read, was accepted.

The other Presbyteries were not ready to report; ordered that their reports be prepared and submitted as soon as practicable.

The Rev. Mr. Olcott, of the Synod of New Jersey, being present, was invited to sit as a Correspondent.

The Committee of Overtures reported the following:

Overture, No. 1. The Presbytery of Georgia respectfully inquire of Synod whether from the unequal numbers of the various Presbyteries belonging to Synod, the present mode of collecting the Stated Clerks salary is not a grievance, and ought not to be modified?

Overture No. 2. Would it not be expedient to invite the Officers of Congregational and Independent Churches, when present, to sit in Presbyteries and Synods?

Ordered, That these overtures be entered on the Docket.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for this afternoon, immediately after the Synod meet, to hear reports from the Presbyteries on the state of religion within our bounds. Mr. Gildersleeve, Mr. Talmage, and Mr. N. A. Pratt, were appointed a Committee to draw up a general narrative.

The Rev. John M. Erwin was verbally reported as a member of the Presbytery of Harmony, received since the last meeting of the Synod, and being present, took his seat as a member of the Synod.

Presbyterial Records being called for, the following Committees were appointed:—

To examine the Records of the Presbytery of Hopewell: Mr. Cater, and Mr. Quarterman.

To examine the Records of the Presbytery of South Carolina: Messrs. Stratton and N. A. Pratt.

To examine the Records of the Presbytery of Georgia: Messrs. Stiles and Brown.

To examine the Records of the Presbytery of Charleston Union: Messrs. Williams and Brearly.

To examine the Records of the Presbytery of Bethel: Messrs. Cousar and White.

To examine the Records of the Presbytery of Harmony: Messrs. Hoyt and E. Palmer.

Mr. Reid, and Dr. Leland, were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the last General Assembly, and report what items may claim the attention of this Synod.

Overture No. 1: Was taken up when after some discussion; it was, on motion

Resolved, That the manner of assessing the Stated Clerks salary, and also, the subject of the travelling and other expenses of Ministers in attending meetings of Synod and Presbyteries being defrayed by our Churches, be committed to Mr. Hoyt, and Mr. E. Palmer, Ministers; and Mr. Baskin, and Mr. Newton, Elders—to report a plan as soon as possible.

Overture No. 2: Was taken up, and in answer to the question it contains, it was on motion

Resolved, That Congregational, and Independent Churches, within our bounds, whose Ministers belong to our connexion, enjoy the privilege of being represented in Presbyteries, and in Synod; and that Lay Representatives from such Churches be received as Members of our several Judicatories in the same manner as Ruling Elders. (See Assembly's Digest, part 11th, Ch. 2d, Sec. 5th.)

The subject of the division line between the Presbyteries of South-Carolina and Bethel, postponed at the last meeting of the Synod, was called up, when it was on motion

Resolved, That the Synod concur in the arrangements between the Presbyteries of Bethel and South-Carolina, making the line between Union and Spartanburgh Districts, hereafter, the boundary between said Presbyteries; and transferring the Rev. Daniel L. Gray to the Bethel Presbytery.

A letter from the Rev. Ebenezer Porter, D. D. Professor in the Theological Seminary at Andover, on the subject of the American Union, for promoting the observance of the Sabbath, was read before the Synod, and referred to Messrs. White, and Talmage, to report on, as soon as practicable.

A Report from the Committee for the St. Augustine Church was read before the Synod, from which it appears, That the sum required for finishing said Church, had been raised only in part. Mr. Pratt, a member of the Committee made a verbal statement of the progress of the building; and the Presbyteries

being called upon, it appeared that the Presbyteries of Georgia and Charleston Union had raised the whole sum for which they were assessed. The Presbytery of Harmony had raised most of their quota. From the remaining Presbyteries, nothing had been received. On motion

Resolved, That the Report of this Committee be accepted, and the whole business be referred to Mr. Pratt and Dr. M'Dowell, to report to Synod, as soon as practicable.

The Synod then had a recess until half-past 3 o'clock this Afternoon.

Friday Afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Synod met.

A letter was read before Synod from the Rev. Artemas Boies, Agent from the American Bible Society, requesting from the Synod, an expression of their feelings in reference to the resolution of the American Bible Society to supply the whole destitute population of the United States with the Holy Scriptures, in two years.

Mr. Boies being present, made some remarks, and this subject was referred to Dr. Waddel, and Mr. Boies, to report as soon as convenient.

The Synod proceeded, according to the order of the day, to receive Reports from the Presbyteries on the state of religion within their bounds.

Written Reports were received from the Presbyteries of Charleston Union, and Bethel. From the other Presbyteries there were no written Reports. By leave of Synod, verbal statements were made by a Member present from each of these Presbyteries.

On motion *Resolved*, That Dr. Palmer, and Mr. Reid be a Committee to prepare a minute in reference to the Presbyteries which have failed to bring in a written Report on the state of religion.

It was stated to the Synod, that the Agent for the Theological Seminary, the Rev. R. B. Cater, was not satisfied with the compensation for his services allowed

by the Synod at their last meeting in Columbia, and that he wished to be heard on this subject. On motion
Resolved, That this subject be now taken up.

Mr. Cater was then heard; after which, the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow Morning at 9 o'clock.—
 Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, Dec. 5th, 1829—9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present as yesterday.

The Minutes of yesterday were read. The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the Presbyteries which have failed to bring in a written Report on the state of religion, submitted the following resolution, which being read and considered, was adopted, viz .

Resolved, That the Synod regard with mingled astonishment and regret, the repeated failures of several of the Presbyteries to furnish the required written Reports on the state of religion, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to communicate to each Presbytery, which may have neglected this duty heretofore, the disappointment and sorrow of this body, at the repeated disregard of their injunctions, and to urge the punctual and regular discharge of this duty in future.

The Committee to whom was refered Dr. Porter's letter on the subject of Sabbath Unions, reported the following resolutions, which being read, and considered, were adopted, viz :

Res. 1. That Synod highly approve of the object of the General Union for promoting the observance of the Christian Sabbath.

Res. 2. That they recommend to their several Members and Churches to form Local Unions, auxiliary to the General Union, and to use their influence in every lawful way to promote the sanctification of the Lord's Day.

Ordered, That an attested copy of the foregoing Minutes be sent to Dr. Porter, by the Stated Clerk.

The Committee appointed to draw up a narrative

of the state of religion within our bounds, made their Report, which being read, and considered, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

NARRATIVE

Of the state of Religion within the bounds of the Synod of South-Carolina and Georgia, from Dec. 1823 to Dec. 1829.

In this era of the Christian Church, every year more distinctly unfolds the purposes of Divine mercy.— Those glorious things which were spoken of Zion, instead of being the distant objects on which the eye of faith once rested, are spread immediately before us, and afford the most abundant evidence that the time to favour her has already arrived. This position will scarcely admit of a doubt in the minds of any who have, for a few years past, accurately traced the progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom among us.— Had the blessings which we have now to record as the fruit of the Divine Spirit, occurred ten years ago, they would have filled every Christian heart with amazement and delight. Every one would have been ready to exclaim, "What has God wrought?" Yet, at this eventful and auspicious period, they may possibly be regarded with no uncommon emotion.

To commence with revivals of religion which constitute the great nursery of the church, it may be observed that the past year has been peculiarly favored. In the Presbytery of South-Carolina, many of the churches have received a large addition to their number, particularly those in Laurens, Pickens, Anderson, Greenville, and Spartanburg districts, and one church in Abbeville. In the Presbytery of Harmony, Indiantown, Midway, Brewington, Williamsburgh, Hopewell, Concord and Salem, and one of two other churches have been remarkably blessed. It is estimated that between six and seven hundred souls have been born into the Kingdom as the fruit of a revival which is at present extending the sanctifying and saving influences of divine grace in that section of our church. In the Presbytery of Hopewell, which embraces the middle and upper sections of Georgia,

the churches in the counties of Greene, Jackson, Hall, Gwinnett, Franklin and De Kalb, have all received precious tokens of the divine favour. The presence of Christ has been evidently manifest in giving efficacy to his word, by making it the wisdom of God and the power of God unto the salvation of many souls. Bethel Presbytery situated in the Northern part of South-Carolina, has also shared in a work of grace. Though no special revival of religion is reported, it appears from their statistical records that the accessions to the number of their communicants in several of their churches are much greater than usual. This is particularly the case, as it relates to Bethesda, Bethel, Beersheba, Bullocks-Creek, Salem and Shiloh. Many other churches within the bounds of the Synod, could be specified as having enjoyed in no common degree, the presence and smiles of their Redeemer. And so far as the knowledge of the Synod extends, there is not a single church in our connexion, of which it can confidently be said, that it is in a declining state. There is, however, a coldness and an apathy in some portions of our Zion that should lead the churches to fear that while they may suppose that they are rich and increased in goods and have need of nothing, they are actually poor, and in such a state as evidently to call for deep humiliation before God. For where there is not an actual increase in numbers or in graces, it may be generally concluded that there is a declension.

During the past year, the cause of Sabbath Schools has more forcibly than ever commended itself to our churches. Attached to many of these schools, are excellent libraries selected with a particular reference to the moral, intellectual, and religious improvement of the rising generation. And among the converts to the faith of the gospel, a larger number than usual have been of those who have been connected with these schools as teachers and pupils.

The cause of Temperance is also prevailing. A considerable number of societies have been formed to promote its objects. And even where no such socie-

ties have been regularly organized, we believe it is generally regarded as a rule among our people, to abstain altogether from the use of ardent spirit.

The American Bible Society, it is known, has resolved with the blessing of Divine Providence, and the co-operation of those who favour the cause, to supply every destitute family in the United States with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, previous to its annual meeting in May 1831. The State of South-Carolina has made arrangements at the late convention of their Bible Societies, to supply the destitute within its bounds by the first of January 1831, and the work is in progress. In the State of Georgia, the counties of Chatham, Bryan, Liberty, McIntosh, Camden and Richmond are already supplied. And efforts are making in many other parts of the State to carry into effect the same object.

The societies for educating poor, pious young men for the gospel ministry, are much in the same state in which they were last year. The most flourishing of these is the Georgia Education Society which reports fourteen Beneficiaries and funds to the amount of \$1850. In the Presbytery of South-Carolina, and indeed in some other portions of the Synod, especially where revivals of religion have been enjoyed, a very considerable number of young men are looking forward to the sacred office.

In the Theological Seminary under the care of the Synod, there have been during the year five students of divinity, and the prospect is, that when it is once known that this Institution is fairly in operation, the number will be very considerably increased.

In our sea-port towns the mariner's cause is regarded every year with deeper interest. And we are happy to learn that Savannah is following the example of Charleston, by taking measures to provide a church for that class of our fellow-men, and by furnishing them with the stated ministry of the word.

Among the benevolent operations of the last year, it should be mentioned, that a number of individuals in Charleston, have erected a Depository for Tracts,

Bibles, and Sunday School Books—where a large supply of each is kept, and where an Agent is employed in promoting the objects for which this building was erected. Great facilities are thus furnished for carrying on these plans of Christian benevolence, and for meeting the constantly increasing demand for such publications.

The Domestic Missionary Society of South Carolina and of Georgia, evince no symptoms of declension. If more laborers could be procured, more would be employed—And the call for more has been peculiarly urgent. “Come over and help us,” has been the cry from many a destitute portion of our bounds.

Another evidence of the general improvement of our churches, is the increasing spirit of liberality which appears to animate them—“Freely they have received, and freely they give, (so far as they are enlightened) to all objects connected with the kingdom of Christ. And that which has had great influence, among other means, in awakening this liberal spirit is the religious paper which is published under the patronage of the Synod.

In closing this hasty view of the State of Religion, it may be remarked that while there are many things which should encourage the friends of Zion to press forward in their labors of love—in their works of benevolence, and while they have great reason for gratitude to the Head of the Church for his propitious smiles, there are at least some few things against us which call for deep humiliation before God. Aside from the waste places scattered in every direction within our bounds, and from the vast numbers that are thronging the broad road which leads to death, there are many even within the pale of the church whose religion is not of that zealous character which it ought to be, especially in an age like this. There is too much of the world, and too little of Christianity in the conversation and conduct of the professed followers of the Redeemer. They seem to forget that he who was rich, for ourselves became poor, that we

through his poverty might be rich ; and that in this, as in every other respect, he has left us an example that we should follow his steps. Let those then, who hope to be saved, and to be the honored instruments of saving others, dedicate themselves and their possessions, more unreservedly than ever to the cause of Christ. Let them learn at the foot of the Cross, the price of their redemption, and remember that to whom much is given, of them will much be required—For certainly in this age of light and Christian enterprise, apathy and indolence must receive a heavy rebuke.

Mr. Gildersleeve, and Dr. McDowell were appointed a Committee to have the foregoing Narrative published.

The Committee of Overtures reported the following, viz:

Overture, No. 3. Is it not expedient for Synod to give an opinion on the subject of Lay preaching, and decide to what extent it is sanctioned by the laws and general usage of the Presbyterian Church?

Overture, No. 4. Whether two, or more, regularly organized Congregations who have a stated supply, and not an installed Pastor, have a right to be represented in Presbytery by more than one Ruling Elder?

The foregoing Overtures were entered on the Docket.

A letter was received, and read before the Synod from the Rev. Daniel Baker, Pastor of the Independent Presbyterian Church in this City, in the name of the Session of said Church, affectionately inviting the Members of this Synod, in connection with the Pastor and Members of the First Presbyterian Church in this City, to unite with them on the ensuing Sabbath in commemorating the dying love of our common Lord.

Whereupon, It was on motion unanimously resolved, that this Synod do most cordially accept of this invitation.

Ordered, That an attested copy of the foregoing Minute be sent to Mr. Baker, by the Clerk.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Georgia, reported, That they had examined these Minutes, and recommend that the same be approved to page 129 ; which Report was accepted, and the Minutes approved.

The Committee to whom was refered *Overture*, No. 1, made their report, which was accepted, and the Committee discharged. The Synod proceeded to consider the plan proposed by the Committee: when it was resolved not to do any thing in this matter, and the subject was dismissed.

Presbyterial Reports were submitted and read from the Presbyteries of Harmony, Charleston Union, Georgia and Hopewell ; all of which were accepted.

The Rev. Charles L. R. Boyd, reported as a Member of the Harmony Presbytery being present, took his seat, as a Member of the Synod.

On motion *Resolved*, That it be the order of the day for this Afternoon, when the Synod meet, to elect Members of the Board of Directors of the Seminary to fill the places of those whose term of service expires at the present meeting.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the last General Assembly, reported—which Report was accepted, and the following record was ordered to be made on our Minutes :

That the General Assembly at their last meeting formed a new Synod, denominated the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, in doing which, two Presbyteries, viz. South Alabama and Tombeckbee, were detached from this Synod.

The Committee appointed on the subject of Mr. Boies' communication, reported the following resolutions which being read and considered, were unanimously adopted, viz :

Res. 1. That Synod regard with the deepest interest, and with gratitude to God, the resolution adopted by the American Bible Society at its last Anniversary, to supply every family in the United States, destitute of the Holy Scriptures, and willing to receive them, with a copy of the same within two years.

Res. 2. That Synod view with the liveliest satisfaction, the efforts already made to carry the above resolution into effect, and do pledge themselves in reliance on God, and with the co-operation of those friendly to the object, that all the families within our bounds, destitute of the Bible and willing to receive it, shall be supplied previous to the 1st May, 1831.

Mr. Richard Hooker, an Agent from the American Sunday School Union, was introduced to the Synod by Dr. Palmer. Mr. Hooker made some remarks in reference to the importance, and present state of that Institution, and urged the importance of the members of this Body patronizing said Institution.

Dr. Palmer and Mr. Wilson were appointed a Committee to draft a minute on this subject.

The Synod then had a recess until half-past 3 o'clk.

Saturday, half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, read their Minutes for the past year as their Report, which report was accepted.

The Synod proceeded to the election of Members of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary to fill the places of those whose term had expired. Mr. White, and Mr. Hand were appointed a Committee to count the votes.

The Synod proceeded to consider in detail the several items brought before them by the Report of the Board.

The Board reported that they had settled with the Agent of the Synod, the Rev. Richard B. Cater, and had taken his bond for the whole amount claimed by Synod, payable on the 20th of Feb. next, with interest from the 20th of February, 1829, and a mortgage on property to secure its payment; and they recommend that a paper contained in their Minutes be placed on the Minutes of Synod. On motion

Resolved, That the settlement of the Board with the Agent be approved, and the paper referred to, be

entered on the Minutes of Synod, in the words following, viz:

"Whereas, The Rev. Richard B. Cater has this day executed a Bond and Mortgage to Thos. Napier, Thomas Legare, and Charles McIntire, Committee of Investment of the Theological Seminary of South-Carolina and Georgia, for the payment of the penal sum of seven thousand and forty dollars and fifty-two cents, to secure the payment of the sums collected by the said Richard B. Cater, as Agent for said Seminary; and whereas the said Richard B. Cater may be required by some of the Subscribers to refund the amount heretofore paid by them: now it is understood and agreed, that upon the production to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of a receipt, or receipts from any of the Subscribers, acknowledging that they have received from Mr. Cater, the amounts by them paid, and required to be refunded, that the amount of such receipts shall, from time to time be credited on the said Bond, and Mortgage, given by the said Richard B. Cater, and further, that the Synod are under no responsibility to any of the Subscribers who may have paid monies to the said Richard B. Cater.—Dated, 5th Dec. 1829.

In the Report of the Board of Directors, they nominated Columbia, in South-Carolina, as the place in which to locate the Seminary. The Synod proceeded to consider this subject, and after some discussion, it was on motion

Resolved, That the Synod confirm this nomination, and the Seminary be located in Columbia.

It being requested by some members of Synod, that the reasons which influenced the Board to make this nomination should be distinctly stated, it was referred to the Board to take order on this subject.

The Committee appointed to count the votes for Directors of the Seminary, reported, That the following persons had been elected members of the Board for the three years, next ensuing, viz.: A. W. Leland, D. D., Moses Waddel, D. D., A. Williams, J. Cousar,

E. White, and N. Hoyt, *Ministers*; and Thomas Legare, Joseph Lumkin, Wm. Dearing, and Bayard E. Hand, *Laymen*.

Mr. Williams obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of the Synod.

The Professors salary for the past year being called up by the report of the Board, Dr. Leland, and Mr. Stiles were appointed a Committee to submit a plan for meeting this demand.

The Synod then had a recess until 8 o'clock this Evening.

Saturday Evening, 8 o'clock.

The Synod met.

The following resolution from the Board of Directors of the Seminary was submitted to the Synod,

Resolved, That it be proposed to the Synod, that our present Professor, the Rev. Dr. Goulding, be transfered to the Professorship of Ecclesiastical History and Church government; it being distinctly understood, that this is done with his full consent; and that the Synod proceed to elect a Professor of Theology.

The foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Synod then proceeded to ballot for a Professor of Theology, when, on counting the votes, it appeared the Rev. Dr. Waddel was unanimously elected. Mr. Hoyt, and Mr. Gildersleeve were appointed a Committee to wait on Dr. Waddel, and inform him of this appointment, and to know whether he was prepared to give his answer to the Synod.

A letter from Mr. Joseph Mayes of Fair Forest, complaining of certain irregularities in receiving into the Church, without re-baptizing them, persons who had been baptized by a deposed Minister, was read before the Synod, and refered to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Wilson, and Humphrys.

On motion, *Resolved*, That hereafter, the meetings of the Synod be held alternately in the cities of Augusta and Columbia.

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Synod be in the Presbyterian Church in the city of Augusta, on the first Thursday in December next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; and that hereafter, the stated time for the meeting of Synod be, the 1st Thursday in December.

The subject of the "Charleston Observer" being called up, it was referred to a Committee, consisting of Mr. Gildersleeve and Mr. Talmage.

On motion *Resolved*, That the salaries of the Professors in the Seminary, for the present, be fixed at \$1250 per annum.

Mr. Reid, Mr. Quarterman, and Mr. Cater obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of the Synod.

Adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at Sunrise. Concluded with prayer.

Monday Morning, 7 o'clock, 7th Dec.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer; present as on Saturday.

The Minutes of Saturday were read. The Committee appointed to wait on the Rev. Dr. Waddel, and inform him of his election to the Professorship of Theology, and know from him, whether he was prepared to give his answer to the Synod, reported, That they had waited on Dr. Waddel, and that he was not prepared to give a definite answer to the Synod, at their present meeting.

On motion *Resolved*, That this Report be accepted, and Dr. Waddel, when prepared to give his answer, be directed to give the same to the President of the Board of Directors of the Seminary.

On motion *Resolved*, That it be referred to the Board of Directors to make such arrangements for the immediate removal of the Professor or Professors to Columbia, and for their employment in the business of the Seminary as they may deem expedient, and find practicable.

Mr. Stiles had leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of the Synod. The Synod then had a recess until 10 o'clock.

Monday Morning, 10 o'clock.

The Synod met.

The Committee on the Charleston Observer made their report, which being read, was accepted, and committed to Mr. Gildersleeve and Dr. McDowell, to be published at their discretion.

The Committee to whom was refered the letter of Mr. Mayes, made their Report which was accepted; and it was refered to the same Committee to prepare a letter embracing the substance of their Report to be sent to Mr. Mayes.

The Synod proceeded to consider the Constitution of the Theological Seminary as submitted by the Board. The Constitution was read and considered, section by section, and a vote taken on each section separately; after which a vote was taken on the whole, and the Constitution, as amended, was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That all orders, votes, and resolutions heretofore passed by Synod, in any way repugnant to the Constitution of the Theological Seminary now adopted be, and the same are hereby repealed.

On motion *Resolved*, That individuals be appointed to solicit and receive donations in Books for the Theological Seminary. The following persons were appointed, viz: Mr. Humphrys and Mr. M. Dickson, Presbytery of South Carolina; Mr. Patterson, Mr. Talmage, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Dearing, and Col. Lumpkin, for the Presbytery of Hopewell. Mr. H. S. Pratt, Mr. N. A. Pratt, and Mr. Cumming, for the Presbytery of Georgia. Mr. Gildersleeve, Mr. White, and Mr. Dickson of the Presbytery of Charleston Union. Mr. Williams, and Mr. J. B. Davies, of the Presbytery of Bethel. Mr. S. S. Davis, Mr. James and Mr. Brearley, of the Presbytery of Harmony.

The Presbyteries being called upon for the Stated Clerks salary:

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| The Presbytery of Georgia paid | : | : | \$8 50 |
| Do. Charleston Union, | : | : | \$8 50 |
| Do. Harmony, | : | : | \$8 50 |
| Do. Hopewell, | : | : | \$8 50 |

Ordered, That the Presbyteries of South-Carolina and Bethel be directed to send their quotas to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

The Board of Directors of the Seminary submitted the reasons which influenced them to recommend Columbia as the site of the Seminary, which being read, this whole subject was referred to the Board to take such order in relation to it, as they may deem expedient.

On motion *Resolved*, That hereafter, the Presbytery of South-Carolina, Hopewell, Harmony, and Charleston Union, be directed to raise for the Stated Clerk's Salary, \$10 each; and the Presbyteries of Georgia and Bethel be directed to raise the sum of \$5 each.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Minute in reference to the American Sunday School Union, reported the following, which being read and considered, was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the members of this Synod be earnestly urged to co-operate with the Agent Mr. Hooker, as far as possible, and particularly, should the Agent visit the Churches under the pastoral care of the members of Synod, that his object be recommended to the Churches, and every aid afforded for obtaining life or annual subscriptions, patronage to the monthly publication, and the formation of Sabbath Schools.

The Committee on the Professors salary made a Report. After some discussion, this business was referred to the Board, and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on Dr. Rice's letter reported the following resolutions, which, being read and considered, were adopted.

Res. 1. That it is inexpedient for this Synod, according to the suggestion of Dr. Rice, to form a Union with the Synods of North Carolina, and Virginia, in the support of the Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

Res. 2. That the Moderator of the Synod write a letter to Dr. Rice, communicating this decision, and

stating the reasons which have influenced the Synod in making it.

The Synod then had a recess, until 3 o'clock this Afternoon.

Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met.

Resolved, That the Missionary and Education Boards of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church are worthy of the confidence and patronage of the Synod, and that the Synod recommend these Boards to the attention of the Churches, and use efforts to obtain subscribers to the "Missionary Reporter and Education Register," the organ of these Boards.

Overture, No. 3: Was taken up, and refered to a Committee consisting of Dr. Leland, Mr. Talmage, Dr. Palmer, and Dr. Goulding.

Resolved, That *Overture No. 4*, is answered in the 5th Section of the 10th Chapter of the Form of Government.

The Committee, on the 3d *Overture*, reported the following resolution, which being read and considered was adopted, viz :

Resolved, In the opinion of this Synod, it is in direct opposition to the Constitution and usages of our Church, and of extremely pernicious and dangerous tendency for Elders, or private Members of our Churches to preach the Gospel in public Congregations without first obtaining regular licensure.

The Committee, to whom was refered the business respecting the Church at St. Augustine, submitted the following resolution, which being read, and considered was adopted.

Resolved, That an Agent be appointed in each of the Presbyteries, which have done nothing for the Church in St. Augustine, to collect monies for finishing said Church, and transmit such collections as speedily as possible to Thomas Napier, Esq. Charleston, S. C. The Rev. Mr. Humphrys was appointed for the Presbytery of South-Carolina; the Rev. Mr.

Talmage for the Presbytery of Hopewell; the Rev. Mr. Williams for the Presbytery of Bethel; and the Rev. S. S. Davis for the Presbytery of Harmony.

The Rev. Dr. McDowell, Dr. Palmer, and Mr. Gildersleeve, were appointed a Committee to have published, in a pamphlet form, the Minutes of the present meeting of the Synod, and so much of the Minutes of the Board of Directors of the Seminary as they may deem expedient.

On motion *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be returned to the Citizens of Savannah for their hospitality and kindness to the members of this body during their present meeting.

The Minutes were then read, and the Synod adjourned, to meet in the Presbyterian Church in the city of Augusta, on the first Thursday in December next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer, and the benediction.

H. S. PRATT, *Moderator*,

WILLIAM A. M'DOWELL, *Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

Extracts from the Minutes of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 4th—*half-past 6 o'clock, P. M.*

The Board of Directors met according to appointment. Present:

Rev. B. M. PALMER, D. D. *President*.

Rev. HENRY REID, *Vice-President*.

Rev. W. A. M'DOWELL, D. D. *Secretary*.

Ministers.

Laymen.

Aaron Williams,

B. Gildersleeve,

Elipha White,

Joseph Brown,

Horace S. Pratt,

S. K. Talmage,

Joseph C. Stiles,

D. Humphreys.

Joseph Cumming, Esq.

Bayard E. Hand, Esq.

Barrington King, Esq.

The Minutes of the last year were read.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Davis, a member of the Committee of Location, appointed by the Board at their last meeting, was read before the Board, containing his individual opinion respecting the location of the Seminary.

An official communication from the South-Carolina Presbytery was read before the Board, in which communication said Presbytery relinquish all claim to the Location of the Seminary within their bounds, and release the Synod from all obligation to locate it at Pendleton, and leave them at liberty to locate it where they please.

Certain Communications from the Trustees of Mount Zion College at Winnsborough, transmitted to the Board by the Committee of Location, were read before the Board, and ordered to be placed on the files.

The Board proceeded to consider the subject of locating the Seminary. After considerable discussion it was on motion

Resolved, That the resolution of the Board, at their meeting in Charleston in March last, to recommend Winnsborough, in South-Carolina, as the most eligible site for the Location of the Seminary be, and it hereby is rescinded.

The Board then had a recess, to meet again at the call of the President.

Friday, Dec. 4—half-past 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Board met at the call of the President. Present as yesterday, together with the Rev. John Cousar. The Board resumed the subject of the location of the Seminary; and after considerable discussion, it was on motion

Resolved, That Dr. Palmer, Mr. Talmage, Mr. Cumming, and Mr. Hand, be a Committee to consider this subject, and report on it to the Board as soon as practicable.

The Board then had a recess, to meet again at the call of the President.

Friday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met at the call of the President.

The Committee to whom the subject of location was referred, made a report, containing reasons for, and against the two principle places for the location of the Seminary now before the Board, viz: Athens in Georgia, and Columbia in South-Carolina. No particular place was recommended by the Committee.

This report was accepted, and ordered to be filed with the papers of the Board.

The Board then had a recess until half-past 6 o'clock this Evening.

Friday, half-past 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met. A report from Professor Goulding was received, and read before the Board, which was accepted.

The Board proceeded to consider the subject of a settlement with the Agent, the Rev. Mr. Cater. Mr. Cater being present, was heard at length on this subject; and the documents from the Committee of Settlement appointed by the Synod, were examined.

Mr. Cater having retired, the Board proceeded to deliberate on this subject, when, after mature deliberation, it was on motion

Resolved, That the settlement be made with the Agent on the principles laid down by the Synod at their meeting in Columbia in December last.

Resolved, That Mr. Cumming, Mr. Hand and Mr. King be a Committee to settle immediately with Mr. Cater; and that the same Committee have it in charge to secure from Mr. Henry Reid the sum of \$322, reported by him at Washington in 1826.

An application was received and read, from Mr. Charles West, to change the mortgage heretofore by him given to the Board for the Nephew Scholarship,

to other property, it was Resolved, That Mr. Cumming, and Mr. Hand be a Committee to receive from Dr. West, a Bond and Mortgage on other property, which shall be amply sufficient to secure the amount of the Scholarship, and that upon such Committee giving information to the Committee of Investment that they have received a satisfactory Bond and Mortgage, the Committee of Investment acknowledge satisfaction of the Bond and Mortgage heretofore given on the plantation known by the name of Northampton, the expense being paid by Dr. West.

On motion *Resolved*, That the report of Professor Goulding be referred to a Committee consisting of Mr. White and Mr. Humphrys, to report thereon, as soon as practicable.

The subject of the location of the Seminary was resumed, when it was moved and seconded that the Seminary be located in Columbia, South-Carolina. After considerable discussion, and uniting in prayer for Divine direction, the question was taken, when it appeared there were five votes for Columbia, four against it, and four members declined voting.

It was then moved and seconded, that in view of the vote just taken, the Board report to Synod that they are not prepared at present to nominate any place of location; before the vote was taken on this proposition the Board resolved to have a recess until to-morrow Morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

Saturday, Dec. 4th, 1829.

The Board met.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Rev. Richard B. Cater reported, That they had taken from Mr. Cater his Bond for the amount claimed by Synod from him, \$3863 24, payable on the 20th of February next, with interest from the 20th of February, 1829, and a Mortgage on property to secure its payment, and have engaged with Mr. Cater that he shall be credited on his Bond from time to time such amounts as he may give satisfactory evidence to the

Treasurer he has actually refunded; and that the Synod and the Board assume no responsibility to the Subscribers. They recommend that a paper in the following words be placed on the Minutes of Synod, and a certified copy thereof be furnished to Mr. Cater.

“Whereas, The Rev. Richard B. Cater has this day executed a Bond and Mortgage to Thos. Napier, Thomas Legare, and Charles McIntire, Committee of Investment of the Theological Seminary of South-Carolina and Georgia, for the payment of the penal sum of seven thousand and forty dollars and fifty-two cents, to secure the payment of the sums collected by the said Richard B. Cater, as Agent for said Seminary; and whereas the said Richard B. Cater may be required by some of the Subscribers to refund the amount heretofore paid by them: now it is understood and agreed, that upon the production to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of a receipt, or receipts from any of the Subscribers, acknowledging that they have received from Mr. Cater, the amounts by them paid, and required to be refunded, that the amount of such receipts shall, from time to time be credited on the said Bond, and Mortgage, given by the said Richard B. Cater, and further, that the Synod are under no responsibility to any of the Subscribers who may have paid monies to the said Richard B. Cater.—
Dated, 5th Dec. 1829.

Resolved, That the Note heretofore given by the Rev. Richard B. Cater to the Committee of Investment for the sum of \$342 97, be returned to him.

The Committee further reported that they had received from the Rev. Henry Reid his Note for \$322, with interest from the 1st November, 1826, payable 20th of February, 1830, for the amount collected by him for the Seminary.

The foregoing report was unanimously adopted.

On motion *Resolved, That the Bond and Mortgage this day executed by the Rev. Richard B. Cater be,*

by the Secretary delivered to the Committee of Investment to be proved and recorded, if they shall deem it necessary.

The Board resumed the consideration of the motion before them when they separated last Evening. After some discussion it was on motion

Resolved, That the vote of the Board to locate the Seminary at Columbia be rescinded, and that a final vote shall be taken on this subject before 2 o'clock, it being now 1 o'clock.

After some further remarks the vote in regard to location was taken, and stood as follows, viz:

For Columbia in South-Carolina, 12 votes,—for Athens in Georgia, 2 votes—and 1 silent vote.

The Board therefore resolved to recommend to the Synod to locate the Seminary in Columbia, South-Carolina.

The Committee to whom was refered the report of Professor Goulding reported the following resolutions, which being read and considered were adopted, viz:

Res. 1. That the Board recommend to Synod the appointment of another Professor, and that Dr. Waddel be nominated as that Professor.

Res. 2. That they recommend the appropriation of \$500 to purchase a Library, and also the appointment of a Committee in each Presbytery for the purpose of receiving donations in Books for the same.

Res. 3. That the Board report to Synod the sum of \$800 due for the salary of the Professor, that provision may be made to meet the same.

The Bond and Mortgage of Dr. Charles West for \$2500, with the assignment of Barrington King, Esq. having been delivered to the Board,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to give to the Executors of James Nephew a receipt for the amount of \$2500, and that the Bond and Mortgage be delivered to the Chairman of the Committee appointed on the application of Dr. Charles West.

Ordered, That the Secretary read the Minutes of the Board through the past year, as their Report.

The Board then had a recess, to meet at the call of the President.

Saturday, half-past 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met at the call of the President.

It was reported by the Secretary, that the Synod have this day elected the following persons as members of the Board for the three years next ensuing, viz:

The Rev. A. W. Leland, D. D., Rev. M. Waddel, D. D., Rev. A. Williams, Rev. J. Cousar, Rev. E. White, Rev. N. Hoyt. T. Legare, J. Lumkin, Wm. Dearing, B. E. Hand, Esqrs.

Dr. Leland and Mr. Hoyt being present took their seats as members of the Board.

It was stated to the Board that the Synod wished to have the reasons which influenced this Board to nominate Columbia as the place for fixing the Seminary stated in writing—Mr. Cumming, Mr. Hand, and Mr. Stiles were appointed a Committee to draw up a statement on this subject.

On motion *Resolved*, That it be proposed to Synod that our present Professor, the Rev. Dr. Goulding, be transfered to the Professorship of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government—it being distinctly understood that this is done with his full consent, and that the Synod proceed to elect a Professor of Theology.

The Committee appointed at a previous meeting of the Board to revise the Constitution and to prepare the last section, in relation to the funds, stated that nothing had been done in this business.

On motion *Resolved*, That Mr. White, Mr. Hand, and Mr. Cumming be a special Committee to prepare a section for the Constitution on the subject of the Funds, to report to the Board at their present meeting. The Board then had a recess, to meet again at the call of the President.

Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Board met at the call of the President.

Mr. Stiles had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Board.

The Committee appointed to draw up a statement of the reasons which influenced the Board in their nomination of Columbia for the site of the Seminary, made a report, which, being read and considered, was accepted, and ordered to be read before the Synod.

The special Committee on the Constitution, reported a section on the subject of the funds, which being considered article by article, was unanimously adopted and the Board ordered, that the Constitution, as revised, be submitted to the Synod.

The Board then had a recess, to meet at the call of the President.

Monday Evening, 7 o'clock.

The Board met.

Resolved, That the amount of funds in the hands of the Committee of investment, or invested, be paid over to the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to Professor Goulding \$800, being the amount of salary due him to this date.

Resolved, That the Professor's salaries be paid quarterly, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the same when due.

On motion *Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Waddel be appointed an Agent, during the year, or as much of it as he can spend in this business, to raise funds for endowing the Seminary; and that he be requested to commence this Agency as soon as practicable, in the lower part of the State of South Carolina.

On motion *Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. McDowell, Rev. S. S. Davis, Rev. Samuel K. Talmage, with Messrs. J. Cumming and J. K. Douglas be a Committee to meet in Columbia on Saturday the 9th day of January, to make arrangements for the speedy establishment of the Theological Seminary in that place.

Resolved, That Mr. Gildersleeve, Dr. Leland and Dr. Palmer, be a Committee to draw up and publish the reasons which have influenced the Board and Synod in locating the Seminary in Columbia.

Resolved, That Dr. McDowell, Dr. Palmer and Mr. Gildersleeve be a Committee to publish the proceedings of this Board in such way as they may deem expedient.

The Board proceeded to elect a Sub-Treasurer for the Seminary—when Thomas Napier, Esq. of Charleston was elected.

Resolved, That all Bonds, Mortgages, and other Securities hereafter to be taken for monies due to the Theological Seminary shall be taken in the names of the Treasurer and Sub-Treasurer of the Board, and shall be made payable to them, or either of them.

Resolved, That the Treasurer, and Sub-Treasurer be required to give a Bond with sufficient securities in the sum of \$5000 for the faithful discharge of their respective duties, and that such Bonds be made payable to, and securities be approved by Thomas Legare, Charles McIntire, and Thomas Flemming, for the use of the Theological Seminary.

Dr. McDowell and Mr. White were appointed a Committee to prepare the Constitution for publication and have the same published.

Resolved, That the Treasurer and Sub-Treasurer, or either, be authorized to invest surplus funds that may be collected for the Seminary under the direction of the Committee of Investment, Thomas Napier, Thomas Legare, and C. McIntire.

Resolved, That Drs. Palmer, Leland, McDowell, and Messrs. Gildersleeve and White, with Messrs. Legare, Napier, and McIntire, be a Committee with full powers to do all things, which they may deem necessary for the benefit of the Seminary, during the recess of the Board.

Resolved, That when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Columbia, S. C. on the 3d Tuesday in March next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; and should it be deemed expedient by the Executive Committee then

to inaugurate the Professor or Professors, that they give public notice of the day on which the inauguration will take place, in the "Charleston Observer," as early as practicable.

The Board then adjourned to meet in the City of Columbia, on the 3d Tuesday in March next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
OF THE
SYNOD OF SOUTH-CAROLINA
AND GEORGIA.

Adopted December, 1829.

SECTION I.

Name and Design of the Seminary.

Aware of the superior claims of the present age to an enlightened ministry, the Synod of South-Carolina and Georgia have resolved to establish an Institution of sacred learning, to be called "The Theological Seminary of the Synod of South-Carolina and Georgia." The design of this institution is, and ever shall be, to educate young men for the Gospel Ministry, who shall believe, love, and preach the doctrines of the Bible, as set forth in the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

SECTION II.

Of the Synod.

ART. 1. This Institution, emanating from the Synod, that body shall be the source of all its powers, and have a general controul of all its concerns.

ART. 2. The Synod shall appoint the Professors of the Seminary, and fix their salaries. In case however a vacancy should occur during the recess of Synod, or the interests of the Seminary should require an assistant Instructor the Board shall have power to make such arrangements as they may deem expedient, until the next meeting of the Synod.

ART. 3. This Constitution shall not be altered, except by a vote of two thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, such alteration having been proposed at a previous meeting of the Synod, or recommended by the Board of Directors.

SECTION III.

Of the Board of Directors.

ART. 1. The Board of Directors shall annually meet at the Seminary, and oftener if they deem it necessary. Seven members shall constitute a quorum, provided four of them be ministers of the gospel.

ART. 2. The Board of Directors shall choose a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer; and in case of the absence of the President and Vice-President at any meeting of the Board, they shall choose a President pro tempore.

ART. 3. The President of the Board, and in case of his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings; and at the written request of any three members, call special meetings of the Board by a circular letter to each member stating the time, place, and object of meeting; and no business shall be transacted at such extra meetings but what is specified in the circular.

ART. 4. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Board, and carefully preserve on file the papers of the same; he shall also keep a record of their proceedings, which shall be submitted to the Synod for inspection.

ART. 5. The Board of Directors shall inaugurate the Professors of the Seminary, and inspect their conduct and doctrines; and if at any time they shall be guilty of immoral conduct, or teaching erroneous doc-

trines, they shall be reported to the Synod ; or if their continuing in office be thought dangerous, the Board may suspend them until their case be decided by the Synod.

ART. 6. The Board of Directors shall report in full the state of the Seminary at each stated meeting of Synod ; and they may at the same time recommend the adoption of any measures that they may deem proper for the benefit of the Seminary.

ART. 7. The Board of Directors shall appoint one of their members to deliver a Sermon before the Professors and Students at their annual meeting.

ART. 8. The Board shall have full power to make all rules and regulations, to appoint Agents, and generally to do whatever they may deem for the welfare of the Seminary, provided it shall not be repugnant to this Constitution, the orders of Synod, or the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church.

ART. 9. The Board of Directors shall open and close their sessions by prayer.

SECTION IV.

Of the Professors.

ART. 1. Their shall be a Professor of Sacred Literature and Biblical Criticism, of Christian Theology, of Ecclesiastical History, Church Polity, and Sacred Rhetoric, when the Seminary shall be completely organized.

ART. 2. No person shall be eligible to the office of a Professor in the Seminary who is not an ordained Minister of the Gospel.

ART. 3. Every Professor when inaugurated shall subscribe the Confession of Faith agreeably to the following formula, viz :

"In the presence of God, and this Board, I do solemnly subscribe the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, as a just summary of the doctrines contained in the Bible, and promise and engage not to teach directly or indirectly any doctrine contrary to this belief while I continue a Professor in this Seminary."

ART. 4. Each Professor shall deliver a regular course of Lectures before all the Students during their course of study in the Seminary, and daily attend a private recitation with his own class.

ART. 5. The Professors shall, agreeable to the direction of the Board, supply the Students of the Seminary with the preaching of the gospel and the administration of its ordinances.

ART. 6. The Professors of the Seminary shall constitute a Faculty, that shall meet whenever they may deem it expedient. At all the meetings the *senior* Professor shall preside.

ART. 7. The Faculty shall choose a clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep a fair record of all their proceedings, and to lay the same before the Board of Directors at their annual meeting, and at other times when they require it.

ART. 8. The Faculty shall determine the time for social worship, morning and evening, the hours for private recitations, and the days for public lectures; they shall decide on all cases of discipline, and all questions of order; they shall have power to suspend any Student who, in their opinion, is unworthy the privileges of the Seminary, or whose connection with the Institution would, in their judgment, be dangerous to its interests; but no Student shall be finally excluded, or expelled the Seminary except by a vote of the Board of Directors.

ART. 9. The members of the Faculty shall have an equal vote, and a majority shall decide every question that comes before them.

ART. 10. Any Professor intending to resign his office, shall give six months notice of such intention to the Board of Directors.

SECTION V.

Of the Students.

ART. 1. Students applying for admission to this Seminary shall bring satisfactory testimonials of their talents, piety, and prudence; of being in full communion with some regular church, and of having com-

pleted a regular course of academical studies, or what the Faculty on examination may deem equivalent.

ART. 2. The first six months of every Student in the Seminary shall be considered as probationary, and if at the end of this period, any Student shall appear to the Professors not qualified to proceed in his studies he shall be dismissed from the Institution.

ART. 3. Every Student, on his admission to a full standing in the Seminary shall subscribe the following declaration, viz :

“ Deeply impressed with a sense of the importance of improving in knowledge, prudence, and piety, in my preparation for the Gospel Ministry, I solemnly promise, in a reliance on divine grace, that I will faithfully and diligently attend to all the instructions of this Seminary, and that I will conscientiously and vigilantly observe all the rules and regulations specified in the plan for its instruction and government, so far as the same relate to the students ; and that I will obey all the lawful requisitions, and readily yield to all the wholesome admonitions of the Professors and Directors of the Seminary, while I shall continue a member of it.”

ART. 4. The Students shall be divided into three classes, to be called Senior, Middle, and Junior ; the Junior shall embrace those of the first year ; the middle those of the second, and the Senior those of the third.

ART. 5. The Students shall write on such subjects, and at such times, as the Professors may direct. Each Student shall also deliver before his fellow-students, and before the Professor, a piece of his own composition at least once in each month.

ART. 6 The Students shall maintain good moral and religious characters, treat their Instructors with deference, and render obedience to every just requisition.

ART. 7. Each Student, on his admission to the Institution, shall furnish himself with a copy of this Constitution, and regulate his conduct accordingly.

SECTION VI:
Of the Studies.

ART. 1. The course of Studies pursued in this Seminary shall embrace a period of three years; and none, who do not complete this course shall be entitled to a regular certificate signed by the Professors.

ART. 2. The Studies of the Junior year shall be confined principally to the department of Sacred Literature and Biblical Criticism; those of the Middle to Christian Theology, and those of the Senior to Ecclesiastical History, Church Polity and Sacred Rhetoric.

ART. 3. The more particular management of the Studies in these several departments shall be left to the direction of the Professors.

ART. 4. There shall be at least one public examination of the Students on all the subjects of study during the year, at such time as the Board may determine.

ART. 5. Such Students as have completed the whole course prescribed, and are approved in their final examination by the Faculty and Directors present, shall receive a printed certificate of the same signed by each of the Professors.

ART. 6. There shall be two or more vacations in the Seminary, every year. The vacations to commence at such times, and each to continue for such period as the Board of Directors may deem most expedient.

SECTION VII.
Of the Library.

ART. 1. The Library shall be deposited in a suitable room provided for the purpose, and under the immediate care of the Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Faculty.

ART. 2. Books belonging to the Library shall not be allowed, on any account, to be carried away from the Seminary.

ART. 3. The Librarian shall keep a record of all the Books purchased for the Library, also of those given to the same, with the names of the donors, and the time when received.

ART. 4. The Librarian shall report annually, to the Board of Directors, through the Faculty, the state

of the Library. The Faculty may also recommend any new regulations in reference to the Library, or any Books, which they may deem necessary.

ART. 5. The use of the Library shall be regulated by a system of By-Laws formed by the Faculty.

SECTION VIII.

Of the Funds.

ART. 1. The Funds of the Seminary shall be received, managed, and invested by the Treasurer, under the direction of the Board.

ART. 2. No part of the funds or their income shall ever be appropriated, except by an order of the Board, and the management and appropriation of the funds, shall be at all times subject to the revision and controul of Synod.

ART. 3. All monies appropriated by the Board shall be paid by the Treasurer upon the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary.

ART. 4. The Treasurer shall give Bond, with security, to be approved of by the Board, in such sum, and to such persons, as the Board may direct for the faithful management of the funds.

ART. 5. A sub-treasurer may be appointed, should the Board deem it advisable, whose duties shall be similar to those of the Treasurer, and who shall give bond and security in like manner.

ART. 6. There shall be a sacred regard paid to the wishes of all Testators or donors who may bequeath or give any thing to the Institution. And if any shall found a Professorship or Scholarship it shall ever be called by his or her name. Or if any Society or number of persons shall found a Professorship or Scholarship, it shall ever be known by any name they may select.

ART. 7. Should the funds of the Seminary ever be more than sufficient to defray the expenses of the Institution, they shall be appropriated to the use of Students in need of pecuniary aid.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall make an annual report of the state of the funds, and of the expenditures of the Seminary to the Board and also to the Synod.